

**CHOLLAS CREEK DISSOLVED METALS TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP**

May 18, 2009
10:00 AM – 12 Noon

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library & Performing Arts Center
Seminar A & B Room
5148 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92114-2209

MEETING SUMMARY

All comments provided at this meeting are addressed as part of the cumulative list of comments and responses included in the Implementation Plan as Appendix E Public Participation. The Chollas Creek TMDL Implementation Plan including Appendix E is posted on www.thinkblue.org. Individual comments will not be addressed in this meeting summary.

1. Opening Remarks

- Ground Rules and Introductions
- Comment period on 2nd Draft of the Implementation Plan closes May 25, 2009
- Each discharger will route the Plan through its jurisdiction's internal approval processes and then the Plan will be submitted to the Regional Board
- After Plan is finalized, dischargers will continue to engage stakeholders and continue to address public comments on the implementation of the plan

2. Progress to Date

- Implementation Plan has been developed for Phase I (first five years of TMDL Compliance Schedule); uses an integrated, tiered, and phased approach for activity implementation; and includes a framework for future planning and assessment
- Plan's ultimate goal is improving water quality in the Chollas Creek Watershed
- Plan has been presented to stakeholders and comments have included:
 - Emphasize pollution prevention watershed activities.
 - Incorporate restoration into the Implementation Plan.
 - Projects should incorporate education and outreach as much as possible.
 - Coordinate with regional stakeholders to increase programmatic efficiencies and continue information sharing efforts.
- At the March 30, 2009 workshop, stakeholders were invited to provide input on proposed projects to gain better understanding of the implementation process
- A status update was presented for three activities proposed at Southcrest Park by the City of San Diego:
 - Infiltration LID project is undergoing design
 - In response to stakeholder comments, a restoration component has been proposed

- Five rain barrel systems have been installed to capture and treat roof runoff prior to discharge including metals from aerial deposition, bacteria from bird waste, and PAH's
- The rain barrel component provides an opportunity for education/outreach on rain harvesting
- Stakeholders expressed a concern regarding the impact of infiltrating pollutants on groundwater
 - Response: The protection of groundwater resources will be incorporated into Appendix D, Tool F and other portions of the Implementation Plan as factors to be considered in project siting and design
- Compliance Monitoring will be conducted in accordance with the order from the Regional Board and dischargers have proposed four special studies:
 - Jurisdictional Boundary Monitoring in the Upper Watershed
 - Activity Assessment Grab Samples for Metals
 - Synthetic Pyrethroid Assessment Monitoring
 - Bacteria Monitoring
- Sampling and analytical methods for compliance monitoring will be followed where applicable for the special studies

3. Future Ongoing Coordination

The objectives of ongoing coordination would be to allow Stakeholders to

- Stay informed of the progress of project implementation
- Assess effectiveness
- Review monitoring results
- Weigh in on specific projects (community based)
- Effect funding of storm water programs (planned intervention)
- Fulfill a need for a centralized information source

There are several opportunities for coordination (methods) including:

A) Regularly scheduled update and assessment meetings (held bi-annually at the beginning of the program and modified as needed)

B) Regularly maintained and updated website.

- May include a calendar of meetings (for the TMDL process and other collaborative stakeholder groups), data, reports, etc
- Contain the final document accepted by the Regional Board and any subsequent addenda
- Stakeholders made the comment that any data provided on the website should be accessible to the public and universal (compatible between different types of data)
- Do not provide a universal list of watershed activities implemented in the Chollas Creek Watershed. Scope of the website should be limited to the TMDL compliance watershed activities. Links to other groups implementing activities may be included on the site.

C) Chollas Creek Watershed Coalition (Karen Franz)

- This is a planning coalition made up of regional stakeholder involved with project implementation. This Coalition is not regulatory-driven group, but rather a means to coordinate and streamline efforts involving education and outreach, restoration, and community projects. The Coalition recently developed their goals and objectives which will be discussed during the next meeting.
- This group is looking to other stakeholder groups interested in sustainability and project implementation, such as the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils.
- There are currently 13 to 14 groups in the Coalition. Ms. Franz would be able to distribute the current membership list. This Coalition is open to new membership.

D) Community Planning Groups

E) Community Recreation Groups

F) E-mail notifications lists/alerts.

- Email lists and alerts should have an opportunity to sign-up, opt-out, etc.
- All emails/alerts should include sufficient information on the issues to be discussed during meetings so interested stakeholders can make an informed decision about participating.
- The San Diego Regional Board has a good email alert organization system recommended by Stakeholders for an implementation model.

4. Closing Remarks / Next Steps

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments to Drew Kleis by May 25, 2009. All comments submitted to Drew will be shared with all of the Dischargers. The documents presented on the Think Blue website represent the complete Implementation Plan and coalition document for all seven Dischargers.

- Stakeholders recommended creating a “Think Blue coalition” email address.
- Stakeholders recommended re-naming the page containing the Chollas Creek Implementation Plan (data and other documents) in order to maximize clarity.
- Stakeholders commented that the Implementation Plan lacks clearly defined tasks for the different steps in the Watershed-Level Chollas Creek Implementation Plan.

Agency Approval Process is a little different for each Discharger. The City of San Diego requires the longest time to achieve approval (120 days, as shown in the Watershed-Level Chollas Creek Implementation Schedule in Figure 1-3). The City of San Diego’s approval process provides another opportunity for public involvement.

The Regional Board approval process has no formal public comment period.